

Amendments to the Specification

Page 5, line 19-page 6, line 4, please replace the current paragraph (previously replaced on December 12, 2002) with the following rewritten paragraph:

The toner particles may have a surface property index defined by the following equations of approximately 2.0 or less which is measured under the condition of the toner without external additive:

(Surface property index) =

(Measured specific surface area)/(Calculated specific surface area)

(Calculated specific surface area) =

$$6\Sigma(n \times R^2)/(\rho \times \Sigma(n \times R^3))$$

wherein n represents a number of particles in a channel of a ~~Coulter Counter~~of a particle size analyzing apparatus that uses the Coulter principle, such as COULTER COUNTER, R

represents a channel particle diameter in the ~~Coulter Counter~~particle size analyzing apparatus, and ρ represents a toner density.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, lines 13-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the toner for developing an electrostatic image of the invention, when the amount of the protrusions is too large, the toner surface cannot be sufficiently covered with an external additive to fail to sufficiently ensure the transferring property and the developing property. Therefore, it is important in the invention that the toner having no external additive added has a surface property index defined by the following equations of 2.0 or less:

(Surface property index) =

(Measured specific surface area)/(Calculated specific surface area)

(Calculated specific surface area) =

$$6\Sigma(n \times R^2)/(\rho \times \Sigma(n \times R^3))$$

wherein n represents a number of particles in a channel of a ~~Coulter Counter~~ of a particle size analyzing apparatus that uses the Coulter principle, such as a COULTER COUNTER, R represents a channel particle diameter in the ~~Coulter Counter~~ particle size analyzing apparatus, and ρ represents a toner density.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, lines 4-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

15 g of a 1N sodium hydroxide solution is added to the resulting aggregated particle dispersion, which is heated to 96°C with continuous stirring, followed by maintaining at that temperature for 6 hours. Thereafter, it is cooled, filtered and sufficiently washed with ion exchanged water to obtain toner particles. The average diameter of the toner particles measured with a ~~Coulter Counter~~ COULTER COUNTER is 6.0 μm .

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, lines 15-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

15 g of a 1N sodium hydroxide solution is added to the resulting aggregated particle dispersion, which is heated to 98°C with continuous stirring, followed by maintaining at that temperature for 6 hours. Thereafter, it is cooled, filtered and sufficiently washed with ion exchanged water to obtain toner particles. The average diameter of the toner particles measured with a ~~Coulter Counter~~ COULTER COUNTER is 5.0 μm .